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Wages and Salaries - 1953

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On 20th November 1953  
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WAGES

Wages	Rate of Wage	Notes
WOOD, Fitter	280/-	Wages
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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES 30TH JUNE, 1954 (Contd.)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS (Contd.)</u>				
Labourer	252/-	40	244/-	40
Patternmaker	308/-	"	294/-	"
Shaper	252/- &	40	244/- & 284/-	40
Turner	251/-	"	244/- & 263/-	"
<u>TURNERY</u>				
Turner (machining)	271/- to 274/-	"	262/- to 274/-	"
- jobbing	252/-	"	232/-	"
Dresser	272/- to 281/-	"	263/- to 273/-	"
Furnaceman	277/- to 280/-	"	268/- to 278/-	"
Heating - machine	272/- to 282/-	"	263/- to 273/-	"
- jobbing	282/-	"	282/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING</u>				
Canister Maker	268/-	"	252/-	"
Machinist	265/-	"	252/-	"
Solderer	265/- & 266/-	"	257/- & 262/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker 1st class	251/-	"	251/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker 2nd class	250/-	"	250/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD)</u>				
Board Hand	300/-	40	304/2	38
Bread Carter (1 horse)	283/-	"	273/-	"
Ovensman	312/-	"	304/2	33
Single Hand	308/-	"	315/-	36
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES)</u>				
Baker	275/-	"	276/-	40
General labourer	249/-	"	254/-	"
Mixer	264/- & 265/-	"	270/-	"
<u>BREWING</u>				
Cellarman	275/- & 276/-	"	275/-	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	275/-	"	275/-	"
Labourer	257/-	"	252/-	"
Malt Hand	275/-	"	275/-	"
Towerman	262/-	"	275/-	"
<u>BUTCHERRING (RETAIL)</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	275/-	"	275/-	"
General Butcher	275/-	"	294/-	"
Shopman	275/-	"	290/-	"
Smallgoodsman	280/-	"	295/-	"
<u>CONFECTIOMERY</u>				
Confectioner (Grade I)	285/-	"	277/-	"
Storeman	261/-	"	267/-	"
<u>JAM MAKING</u>				
General Labourer	258/-	"	258/-	"
Solderer	267/-	"	267/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING</u>				
Capper	268/-	"	305/-	"
Guillotine Hand	273/-	"	274/-	"
Jokerman	261/-	"	301/-	"
Packer	261/-	"	301/-	"
Scanner	263/-	"	305/-	"
<u>MILLING (FLOUR)</u>				
Hiller (Shift)	295/- to 320/-	"	295/- to 320/-	"
Packerman	280/-	"	280/-	"
Purifierman	280/-	"	283/-	"
Smutterman	283/-	"	283/-	"
Storeman (Head)	285/- & 290/-	"	285/- & 290/-	"
Topman	283/-	"	283/-	"
<u>PASTRY COOKING</u>				
Packer	268/6	"	251/-	"
Pastrycock	289/6	"	296/-	"

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BLOOMING</u> -				
Brookner	280/-	40	280/-	40
<u>TAILORING (ORDR) -</u>				
Cutter	368/-	"	319/-	"
Presser	263/-	"	252/-	"
Tailor	290/-	"	290/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	291/-	"	294/-	"
Presser	263/-	"	283/-	"
Tailor	290/-	"	290/-	"
Trimmer	283/-	"	283/-	"
<u>TEXTILE SPINNING -</u>				
(Mullen Mills) -				
Carder	267/-	"	269/-	"
Dyehouseman	270/-	"	270/-	"
Labourer (General)	241/-	"	241/-	"
Securer (Vol)	270/- to 277/6	"	271/- to 277/6	"
Spinner	265/-	"	265/-	"
loom Tiner	258/- to 288/-	"	258/- to 288/-	"
Warper (Plain)	267/-	"	267/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	301/-	40	293/-	40
Backbinder	301/-	"	294/-	"
Paper Ruler	301/-	"	294/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER) -</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	377/6 to 382/6	"	372/6	38
Night Work	397/6 to 402/6	"	397/6	"
Machinist (First Hand) -				
Day Work	341/6 to 347/6	"	357/6	40
Night Work	261/6 to 367/6	"	382/6	38
Publisher -				
Day Work	316/6 to 327/6	"	329/- & 330/-	40
Night Work	336/6 to 341/6	"	334/- & 335/-	38
Reader -				
Day Work	349/6 & 351/6	"	353/-	38
Night Work	369/6 & 372/6	"	353/-	"
Stereotypier -				
Day Work	341/6 to 350/6	"	357/-	38
Night Work	361/6 to 370/6	"	370/-	"
<u>PRINTING (JOBBERING OFFICES) -</u>				
Compositor	301/- to 311/6	"	303/6	40
Linotype Operator	311/6	"	303/6	"
Machinist	301/-	"	303/6	"
Reader	304/6	"	303/6	"
Stereotypier	301/-	"	293/-	"
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKLAYING -</u>				
Burner	273/- & 275/-	40	278/-	"
Pitman	290/-	"	292/6 & 293/6	"
Drawer	295/6	"	277/6 to 280/-	"
Trucker	287/-	"	272/-	"
Setter	295/6	"	277/6 & 290/-	"
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	295/-	"	287/-	"
Labourer	246/-	"	238/-	"
Painter	268/6 to 289/6	"	260/6 to 281/6	"
Spring maker	295/-	"	287/-	"
Trimmer	280/- & 289/6	"	272/- & 281/6	"
Wheelwright	295/-	"	287/-	"

## SEWAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT Males, 30TH JUNE, 1954 (Continued)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	Hours
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING (CONT'D.)</u>				
<u>G. S-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	271/-	40	255/-	40
Gasfitter	313/-	"	294/6	"
Labourer	258/-	"	252/-	"
Motor Tester	272/- & 284/-	"	261/-	"
Service Layer	267/-	"	275/-	"
Service Layer's Labourer	265/-	"	255/-	"
Stoker	282/-	"	270/- & 275/-	"
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	293/-		289/-	"
Mounter	276/- to 304/-		274/- to 302/-	"
Sizer	293/- to 301/-		299/6 to 302/-	"
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK</u>				
Canvas Worker	277/-	"	269/-	"
Leather Worker	283/-	"	275/-	"
<u>TRIMMING -</u>				
Baumens	290/6	"	278/6	"
Labourer	266/6	"	254/6	"
Lineman	268/6	"	256/6	"
<u>Mechanist -</u>				
Shaving	291/6 to 297/6	"	287/6 to 299/6	"
Splitting	297/6 to 304/6	"	293/6 to 306/6	"
Unhairing	290/6	"	282/6	"
Tableman	285/6 to 291/6	"	277/6 to 293/6	"
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
*Bricklayer (Surface)	333/4	40	323/4	40
Bricklayer (Sewer & Tunnel)	346/6	"	334/2	"
Carpenter	338/4	"	326/6	"
Mason (Stone)	322/4	"	310/4	"
Painter	321/4	"	309/4	"
Paperhanger	321/4	"	309/4	"
Signwriter	334/4	"	322/4	"
Plasterer (Surface)	330/4	"	320/4	"
Plumber	338/4	"	325/4	"
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	295/10	"	284/2	"
Carpenter's	295/10	"	284/2	"
Concrete Worker	295/10	"	284/2	"
Earth Excavator	295/10	"	284/2	"
Gear Worker	305/10	"	294/2	"
Scaffold Hand	305/10	"	294/2	"
<u>RAILWAY AND HARBOUR SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	317/- & 326/-	£	312/- & 321/-	£
Express mail or passenger	335/-	£	330/-	£
Shunting Engine	292/- & 298/6	£	281/- & 295/6	£
Fireman -				
1st Class Ordinary	278/- & 282/-	£	273/- & 275/-	£
2nd Class express mail or passengers	285/-	£	280/-	£
3rd Class Shunting Engine	266/- to 275/-	£	255/- to 265/-	£
Guard -				
1st Class	288/- to 295/-	£	236/6	£
2nd Class	284/-	£	279/- to 290/6	£
Porter -	259/- to 265/-	£	254/6 to 268/6	£
Shunter -				
Head	314/- to 326/-	*	**	*
Leading	290/6 to 305/-	*	287/6 to 298/6	*
Ordinary	271/- to 281/-	*	268/- to 277/6	*

\* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job etc.

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rate of Wage	Hours	Rate of Wage	Hours
<u>RAILWAYS (Cont'd)</u>				
Signaller -				
1st class	317/-	*	21/6	*
2nd class	309/-	8	21/6	8
3rd Class	301/-	8	208/6	8
<u>RAILWAYS</u>				
Contractor -				
1st Year	254/-	40	260/-	40
2nd Year	270/-	"	266/-	"
Thereafter	270/-	"	266/-	"
Labourer	258/6	"	254/-	"
Track Repairer	266/- & 269/-	"	263/-	"
Turnerman -				
1st Year	273/-	"	269/-	"
2nd Year	273/-	"	266/-	"
Thereafter	273/-	"	263/-	"
Pitman	283/-	"	263/-	"
* 76 hours per fortnight. $\frac{1}{2}$ 80 hours per week.				
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRIAGE OF MERCHANDISE</u> -				
Carter -				
1 horse	274/-	40	252/6	40
2 horses	279/-	"	266/6	"
Stable Hand	273/-	"	253/-	"
Motor Lorries & Wagons -				
3 tons	286/-	"	270/6	"
3 tons but under 6 tons	290/- to 298/-	"	270/6	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR</u> -				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	8/-		7/-	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barman	273/-	40	260/-	40
Billiard Marker	263/-	"	253/-	"
Cook	273/- to 313/-	"	265/-	"
Handyman	263/-		253/-	
Kitchenman	263/-		253/-	
Porter	263/-		253/-	
Waiter	263/-	"	255/-	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING</u> -				
Hairdresser (men's)	283/- to 293/-	"	276/-	"
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING</u> -				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	280/- & 286/6	40	272/- & 278/6	40
2nd Class	275/- & 280/-	"	267/- & 272/-	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	275/-	"	267/-	"
2nd Class	270/-	"	262/-	"
<u>MUNICIPAL</u> -				
Labourer	269/-		263/6	
Street Sweeper	274/-		269/-	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS</u> -				
Boot Salesman	285/-	"	274/-	"
Drapery Salesman	285/-	"	274/-	"
Furniture Salesman	285/-	"	277/-	"
Grocery Salesman	285/-	"	270/-	"
Hardware Salesman	285/-	"	274/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	285/-	"	274/-	"
<u>STOREMAN AND PICKERS</u> -				
Picker (General)	275/6 & 276/6	"	267/-	"
Storeman (General)	274/- & 276/6	"	267/-	"

## WEEKLY WAGE RATES &amp; HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Rates of Wage	Hours	Rates of Wage	
			F.C.D.	
	s. d.		s. d.	
Biscuit Making	184/-	40	187/3	40
Confectionery	195/-	"	197/9	"
<u>CLOTHING &amp; TEXTILES</u>				
Bootmaking	195/-	40	195/-	40
Dressmaking	195/- to 213/-	"	183/- to 213/-	"
Millinery	195/-	"	183/-	"
Shirt Making	195/-	"	183/-	"
Underclothing	183/- to 213/-	"	183/- to 213/-	"
<u>TAILORING - (ORDER)</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	213/-	"	213/-	"
Trousers & Vest Hand	200/6	"	200/6	"
Tailoress	229/-	"	229/-	"
Adult Female	183/-	"	183/-	"
<u>TAILORING - (READYMADE)</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	203/-	"	203/-	"
Trousers & Vest Hand	198/-	"	198/-	"
Tailoress	290/-	"	290/-	"
Adult Female	183/-	"	183/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS)</u>				
Comb Minder	194/-	"	194/-	"
Darner & Mender	196/- & 199/-	"	196/- & 199/-	"
Warper	196/-	"	196/-	"
Weaver (Loom)	199/-	"	199/-	"
Gillbox Minder	193/-	"	193/-	"
Other Adult	181/-	"	181/-	"
<u>BOOKBINDING</u>				
Folder	206/-	40	200/-	40
Sewer	206/-	"	200/-	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX</u>				
Box maker	201/- to 210/-	"	195/- to 204/6	"
Other	194/-	"	188/6	"
<u>PRINTING</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	206/-	"	200/-	"
<u>HOTELS &amp; SHOPS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u>				
Barmaid	212/-	40	265/-	40
Housemaid	196/-	"	190/-	"
Laundress	200/-	"	194/-	"
Waitress - Head	202/-	"	200/-	"
Waitress - Other	196/-	"	190/-	"
<u>RESTAURANTS</u>				
Pantry Maid	182/-	"	186/6	"
Waitress	182/-	"	186/6	2
<u>CLERKS</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	204/-	"	205/6	"
Clerical Assistants	202/-	"	205/6	"
<u>SHOPS</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	204/- & 285/-	"	193/-	"
Drapery Saleswoman	204/- & 285/-	"	193/- & 274/-	"
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	204/-	"	189/-	"
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	204/-	"	178/- & 162/-	"